



2006-07 Application Mayor's Youth Council

November 21, 2006

Greetings,

Thank you for taking an interest in my Youth Council (YC). For any government to be truly effective, it must represent a voice for all of its citizens. One voice that too often goes unheard is that of our city's youth. By creating a Youth Council, I hope to give Cincinnati's young people a consistent opportunity to be heard by their City government.

Applications will be accepted from all Cincinnati Public School high school students, as well as from private high school students who currently attend school within the City limits of Cincinnati. Applications will also be accepted from high school age students who are home-schooled in Cincinnati. The first term will run from January through August of 2007.

An Executive Board; consisting of a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary; will lead the group. Additionally, there will be four committees; each led by a committee chair. The committees are arts and entertainment, recreation, education, and safe streets. Leadership positions may require a commitment of two to three days a month. All other positions will require attendance at a monthly meeting. The YMCA of Greater Cincinnati's Civic Engagement staff is working with me and other community organizations to facilitate leadership development opportunities through this effort.

The process for selection will be open to the entire community and will be representative of the group as a whole. I will be accepting applications for the council until December 19th.

Again, thank you for your interest, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Mark Mallory
Mayor
City of Cincinnati



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Name:

Home Neighborhood:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

School/Grade:

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Which committee would you be interested in serving on (you may check more than one)?

___ Recreation

___ Arts and Entertainment

___ Executive Board

___ Education

___ Safe Streets

Please limit your response to the following questions to one paragraph (you may use a separate piece of paper).

1. Why are you interested in being a representative on the Youth Council?
2. Discuss some issue of local concern and its importance to you.
3. The Mayor is seeking a council that includes a range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences. Write a brief statement about the unique perspective that you will bring to this group.

Please provide a letter of recommendation from an adult (non-family member) with your application. Send via email to shawn.butler@cincinnati-oh.gov or mail to:

Selection Team

Mayor Mallory's Youth Council

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Deadline: Dec. 19, 2006